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ATTENDANCE IS RECORD BREAKER

Paw Paw Schools Open
With Bright Prospects
for Coming Year.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 146

Two New Teachers Have Been Added
to the List, and More Room
Is Demanded.

The Paw Paw public schools opened Monday morning with the largest enrollment in their history. The gradual increase in attendance during recent years has made it necessary to add two new teachers this year. One of these will take charge of the third grade which, as was originally planned, was to have been divided between the teachers of the second and fourth grades respectively. The other will supply in the high school, instructing mainly in the departments of history and English. The first and second grades will be located in the church, the recent purchase of the school board.

The enrollment of the high school on the opening day numbered 146 and several other candidates will enter later. Other additions will also occur in the upper grades, due to the large number of boys and girls who have been detained from entering on account of the lateness of the grape harvest.

Special attention is called to the course of "Agricultural Botany" which is being introduced into the high school this year. R. W. Mayer, Principal, who comes to Paw Paw from Mason high school, will conduct the course. He has taught extensively in other schools and comes highly recommended. Miss Juanita Quay, teacher of music and art, and Miss Elsie Morrill, who will instruct in domestic science, are the other new teachers.

An important change in the course of study of this year as compared with that of former years, is that of making United States history a prescribed study for graduation. Superintendent Robertson explained to the pupils that girls as well as boys must prepare themselves today to deal intelligently with the great political needs of the age. The high school, he declared, was the proper place where such instructions should be given, and asserted that history, as no other study, was destined to reach this end. All senior students will be required to take the course, which will be conducted by Mr. Robertson himself. In past years students have graduated from the high school with no more history than that which they received in the grades.

Another new feature instituted this year will be the system of notifying the parents through the mail when their children fail to do satisfactory work in the high school. The old plan of allowing the pupils to carry home his own report will be discontinued, and instead a "deficiency slip" will be sent through the mail to his or her parents, showing the condition of the pupil's work.

In spite of the extreme weather school opened in splendid order and the entire teaching force expresses itself in happy anticipation of a prosperous year.

CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY.

Mrs. H. M. Castle has just returned from a visit at the home of her brother, A. D. Weston, at Mt. Pleasant. Her mother, Mrs. Wm. Weston, of Grand Rapids, was also a guest and while there celebrated her 86th birthday anniversary. A reunion of the family of six daughters and one son was a happy event. About thirty other guests were also present and an enjoyable visit was the result.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL GOOD ROADS MEET

The fifth annual meeting of the Michigan State Good Roads association will be held in Kalamazoo, September 18 and 19.

This will be the greatest gathering of good roads men ever held in Michigan. Ohio and New York will send their favored sons and Michigan will contribute Good Roads Earle, Hines of Detroit, Commissioner Ely and Deputy Rogers. The school of instruction will be the feature of the second day.

Van Buren is interested in good roads and should send a good delegation to this meeting. The men, who will speak on this important subject have made it a study and are trying to make their plan of procedure plain so that people may understand what good roads mean and what they cost. The only way that people can know these things is to hear it told by the ones who make it their business, and if we are informed on the subject, then we will be prepared to say whether we want them or not. Turn out to this meeting—Sept. 18-19.

Dr. Arthur W. Scidmore.



Prominent Three Rivers man who seeks nomination for Auditor General on republican ticket, endorsed by Van Buren county republicans in convention Tuesday.

MAIL CARRIERS TO GET INCREASE

Men on Rural Routes Will
Receive Substantial
Increase Soon.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has increased the salaries of rural letter carriers on standard routes from \$1,000 to \$1,100 a year, thus affecting 30,000 men, with proportionate increase to men on shorter routes. The order will become effective Sept. 30.

This will mean an increased disbursement of \$4,000,000 a year. It is the second salary advance for rural carriers made in the last four years.

At the close of the last fiscal year on June 30 there were 42,631 rural mail carriers, the aggregate pay being \$40,655,740.

The increase provides rural carriers adequate compensation for additional burdens to be imposed by the parcels post system, effective Jan. 1.

The parcels post system on rural mail routes can be conducted practically with no extra expense to the government except the increased salary allowance to carriers," said Mr. Hitchcock. "In my judgment this additional cost will be more than offset by an increased revenue, thus insuring the maintenance."

Mr. Hitchcock has directed also that rural mail carriers, on the completion of twelve months' service, be granted fifteen days' leave with pay. This will require an additional \$80,000 a year to pay sub-carriers.

ATT'Y VAN RIPER LANDS JUICY PLUM

Reason for Non-appearance in Primary Race for Prosecuting Att'y Now Apparent.

Attorney C. M. Van Riper of Hartford has been appointed deputy oil inspector under State Inspector John S. Owen of Benton Harbor. He qualified for the new position the first of the week.

Since the late primaries, it has been a matter of conjecture about the county as to why Van Riper at the last minute withdrew from the race for prosecuting attorney. The announcement of his candidacy was made some months prior to the primary, and circular letters and campaign material had been circulated in the interest of his candidacy. The reason is now apparent.

Some of Van's close friends knew at that time that he was slated for the oil job, but the news did not leak out until the first of the week.

The deputy oil inspector's job is considered a desirable "plum." It pays an annual salary of \$900.00 and the duties are not so extensive but what one can attend to any private business. It will work in very nicely with Van's law practice, and The True Northerner joins his Van Buren county friends in congratulations.

WILL TOUR COUNTY.

Woodbridge M. Ferris, democratic nominee for governor will make an automobile tour of Van Buren county, Wednesday, September 18, and will speak in the following places:

Gobleville, at 9:00 a. m. Glendale, 10:00; Paw Paw Court House Square 11:00; Mattawan, 1:30 p. m.; Lawton, 2:30; Decatur, 4:00; Lawrence, 5:30, and will speak in Hartford in the evening at 8 o'clock.

Accompanying Mr. Ferris will be all the democratic county primary nominees and Hon. A. E. Beebe, democratic nominee for congress.

OPEN AIR MEETING IS WELL ATTENDED

Question of Equal Suffrage
Discussed by Many Well
Known Speakers.

WOMEN HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED

Speakers Advance Many Reasons
Why Women Should Be
Granted the Ballot.

Last Saturday evening the Main street of Paw Paw was the scene of activity on account of open air speeches on the subject of woman suffrage. An automobile under the lights at the Dyckman house corner contained the speakers of the evening and an interested crowd gathered about and listened to the reasons why women should have the right to vote.

E. N. Dingley of Kalamazoo was the first speaker and said many good things regarding the women of this country. This gentleman is thoroughly in sympathy with the position occupied by women and earnestly pleads for the voters of this community to help as far as possible to remedy the wrong by voting "Yes" in November.

Rev. C. E. Varney followed Mr. Dingley in a short, decisive speech and left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that he was in favor of the plan being tried at any rate and has unlimited confidence in the ability of the average woman to be able to manage a ballot occasionally with all of her cares.

Captain O. W. Rowland always has a good word for anything on the side of justice and expresses himself freely on the subject above referred to. His experience in the civil war taught him the lesson of the worth of women, and he never misses a chance of giving her credit unlimited.

Mrs. Olivia Woodman announced the speakers and in her apt fashion made one of the best speeches of the evening, though she promised faithfully that she would not make a speech for the reason that the audience was standing and while they were attentive she assumed that they were tired. This is the nugget of gold that she gave them: "Men voters! If one of you has a wife who says that she don't want to vote, then vote Yes next November so that Mrs. Woodman can vote, for she wants to very badly. I am a tax payer and please, I would like to vote."

There was something for people to take to their homes and think about. There were many good things said and new thoughts brought out which undoubtedly brought to many a new light on the subject.

L. H. Rice and R. S. Lillibridge, representatives of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., were in Paw Paw last Friday. While here they secured the services of Blaine Warner to act in the capacity of agent for the company here. Mr. Rice was a former Paw Paw boy.

DATES FOR THE BIG FAIR OCTOBER 16, 17, 18 AND 19

Preliminary Arrangements are Made and Work by the
Various Committees is Well Under Way.
Fair to Be a Hummer.

The dates for the big fair have been fixed for October 16, 17, 18, 19. This will make the event one week later than last year, but the change was thought advisable by the committee on account of the late season. There will be four days instead of three as formerly. The opening day will be Wednesday and the fair will continue in full blast with something doing every minute until late Saturday night. The preliminary arrangements are well under way and the various committees are working on the details, which can soon be announced in full.

The main exhibits will be in the rink and large tent erected in the street as last year. Three big ball games will head the list of sports and the county corn contest in charge of Commissioner of Schools V. R. Hungerford, will be an important feature.

One of the innovations decided upon will be a public wedding. All expenses in connection with the ceremony will be paid by the fair association, besides hundreds of dollars' worth of household goods, merchandise, money, etc., will be given to the fortunate couple by the merchants of Paw Paw. M. L. Decker has charge of this feature of the fair and solicits correspondence with those who are contemplating matrimony and desire to take advantage of this golden opportunity. The names of the contracting parties will be kept secret until the hour for the ceremony. This is only one of the many innovations promised this year. Others will be announced in due time.

RESIGNS AFTER YEARS OF SERVICE

Deputy Att'y. Gen. Chase
Resigns After Serving
State 16 Years

FORMERLY VAN BUREN CO. BOY

Loss Will be Keenly Felt in the
Department. Future Plans not
Known.

Henry E. Chase, known to his Van Buren county friends as just plain "Harry," has resigned as deputy attorney general after a period of over 16 years service to the state in that capacity. Thomas A. Lawler, clerk in the department, succeeds him.

Mr. Chase was a Van Buren county boy and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm in Lawrence township in what is known as the Prospect Lake neighborhood. He graduated from the Lawrence high school and later entered the law office of Fred A. Maynard in Grand Rapids. When Mr. Maynard was elected attorney general 16 years ago, Harry was made deputy and has since held that position with every succeeding official in that department. A good share of the business of the department has been under the deputy's personal supervision, and the details of the department were always at his command. His loss will be keenly felt.

Mr. Chase has been through many state campaigns, and it has always been said that the candidate who was fortunate enough to secure him as campaign manager had the campaign won to commence with, and the facts would seem to substantiate the claim, for of all the campaigns that he has managed in the interest of any particular candidate he has met with but one defeat and that was in the sensational campaign when the late Arthur J. Hill lost the nomination for United States senator.

Just what Harry's future plans are has not been made known. He has large property interests, which may engage his attention, although it is hardly to be expected that after all these years of political activity he will retire from the political arena. The state reports of the various county conventions of last Tuesday say that several counties of the state have instructed their delegations to vote for him for attorney general. It is hardly probable that he is planning to enter the race as a "dark horse," as that is not his way of doing things. No one likes a political scrap better than he, and if he aspired to the head of that department, his announcement would have been made and he would be out after the votes. It is just possible, however, that the results of the coming state convention might be such as to again find Chase in his old position in the attorney general's department.

Mrs. G. B. Southworth is visiting this week at the home of her son, J. O., in Decatur and will also visit her brother L. A. Churchill, in Marcellus.

Hon. Patrick H. Kelley



Republican candidate for Congressman at Large who will preside at temporary chairman of the republican state convention which will convene in Detroit September 24th.

ABSTRACT OFFICE READY FOR USE

Handsome New Building
Is Now Occupied by
H. L. McNeil.

One of the noticeable building improvements of the town is the handsome new office of H. L. McNeil on Paw Paw street. It is to be used as an abstract office and will be a splendid home. It is of beautiful design, cement blocks, ornamental galvanized iron roofing, and will be entirely fire proof. It is about 25x50 feet and plenty of ground surrounding it to make a splendid lawn. The private office is a room 14x15 on the south side facing the court house with large windows, handsome fire place and will be nicely furnished. A door from this room leads to the business office in the middle of the building where there are ornamental windows covering both sides, giving an abundance of light and air.

The vault is connected with this room and gives one the feeling of safety and protection for the vault which is 10x14 feet, built of solid masonry with steel doors and windows.

The office is done in dark oak in dull finish and is very handsome; the floors over the entire building are of maple. The building is heated by steam and has electric lights, toilet and all modern conveniences. A basement under the whole gives ample room for the heating plant, etc. A handsome porch in front with cement steps completes this modern new building and large maple trees in front give it an air of comfort and beauty.

The new home is ready for occupancy and the abstracts will be moved from the basement of the court house. Mr. McNeil has occupied his present quarters since the court house was built, about ten years ago. The friends of Mr. McNeil are all ready for the house warming.

FORMER PAW PAW GIRL WINS LAURELS

Miss Mamie Bishop Wins Merited
Praise in Her Chosen Line of
Work.

From a social correspondence the following was taken which will be of interest to the many friends of Miss Mamie Bishop, who was a Paw Paw school girl and whose family have been identified with the community for years:

Miss Mamie Bishop was a graduate of Paw Paw high school, class of 1909. She entered the Normal at Kalamazoo the following year, taking a three year course in music and art and was very successful in her chosen work, for during that time she was a member of the board of directors and later associate editor of the "Kalamazoo Normal Record," selected to introduce art in the rural schools, also designing the cover of the summer bulletin of 1912. She was chosen by the faculty to deliver the Arbor Day Oration at the "Tree Planting," was literary editor of the "Brown and Gold," the year book of 1912 and was also a member of the cast in the opera "Pauline." Miss Bishop graduated from the Normal in June of this year and has been engaged to teach music the coming year in the Woodard Ave. school of Kalamazoo.

The chance of a lifetime for some worthy couple to get married during the fair and receive enough presents to furnish a home. Communicate with M. L. Decker.

REPUBLICANS MEET AT SOUTH HAVEN

Enthusiastic Meeting With
Harmony and Good Feel-
ing Prevalent.

CHAIRMAN CROSS MAKES HIT

County Committee Selected and Also
Delegates Chosen to Attend
State Convention.

The republican county convention held at South Haven last Tuesday was all that could be desired from a republican standpoint. The best of harmony prevailed among the 117 delegates present and party loyalty and allegiance to the principles of the party that have guided the ship of state so successfully during the past fifty years, seemed to be the keynote of the convention.

The convention was called to order by the late chairman of the county committee, Fred B. Cogshall, who introduced the new chairman, B. G. Davis. Mr. Davis made a strong talk, complimenting the nominees of the party and pledging support to the entire ticket. Attorney Glenn E. Warner was elected temporary secretary and Charles E. Cross of Bangor called to the chair as temporary chairman. Mr. Cross made a decided hit as presiding officer. His address was exceptionally good and had the right ring of loyalty and good sound political judgment. His comparison of business conditions and general prosperity under democratic and republican administrations, brought forth a demonstration of approval. E. B. Bonnett of Hartford and L. A. Bregger of Arlington were appointed tellers and the officers were sworn by the veteran O. W. Rowland.

On motion the following committees were appointed by the chairman and a recess announced.

Credentials—M. H. Mackey, South Haven; John Marshall, Porter; Leslie Scott, Arlington; C. H. King, Geneva; F. W. Hubbard, Hartford.

Permanent Organization and Order of Business—Mark S. Thomas, Decatur; F. C. Cogshall, South Haven; Charles Robinson, Lawrence; Dr. T. H. Ransom, Bloomington; E. J. Kirby, Covert.

Resolutions—Sheldon Coleman, Antwerp; David Anderson, Paw Paw; M. F. Russell, Bangor; C. M. VanRiper, Hartford; A. M. Brown, Columbia.

The Credentials committee found 117 delegates present, with Almena, Hamilton, Pine Grove and Waverly townships not represented.

The temporary organization was made permanent, after which the following county committee was elected:

Almena, to be filled later; Antwerp, L. A. Packer; Arlington, L. J. Lewis; Bangor, T. J. Mutchler; Bloomington, Dr. T. H. Ransom; Columbia, Amasa M. Brown; Covert, Andrew Ling; Decatur, Mark S. Thomas; Geneva, Charles H. King; Hamilton, to be filled later; Hartford, C. M. VanRiper; Keeler, A. O. Duncombe; Lawrence, Charles Robinson; Paw Paw, Henry E. Shaefer; Pine Grove, to be filled later; Porter, George E. Riley; South Haven township, Peter Watkins; Waverly, George L. Rich; South Haven City, first ward, Frank A. Wheeler; second ward, John L. Quigley; third ward, James Martin.

The committee was authorized to fill any vacancies that might exist.

Following are the delegates selected to attend the state convention at Detroit, Tuesday, September 24:

Harry A. Cross, Paw Paw; Eugene B. Bennett, Hartford; Sheldon Coleman, Lawton; Arba N. Moulton, Decatur; Maurice F. Russell, Bangor; Milan D. Wiggins, Bloomington; G. A. Cross, Lawrence; Earl Hemenway, South Haven; E. J. Kirby, Covert; M. H. Mackey, South Haven; Amasa M. Brown, Columbia; Nelson C. Tall, South Haven; Frank G. Cleveland, Arlington; Clifton I.

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3D. MICH. CAVALRY'S ANNUAL REUNION

Invitations have been issued to the members of Co. C. 3rd Michigan Cavalry, to meet at Bangor, September 17, for their 27th annual reunion. The survivors of this company are earnestly requested to be present on that day and to bring their families and friends to help celebrate the occasion. Fifty-one years ago the company was organized—100 men and boys, a large per cent of them mere boys, and later marched away with hardly a thought as to whether they would return. Yearly they have met together—each year less of them and now of the 14 commissioned officers Capt. O. W. Rowland is the sole survivor. Of 188 enlisted men less than 40 are living.